

HOUSE RESOLUTION 23
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend J. Herschel Mullins upon being recognized as the longest-serving merchant on the Murfreesboro Public Square.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is J. Herschel Mullins of the Blackman community in Rutherford County, who was recently recognized by the Main Street organization as the longest-serving merchant on the Murfreesboro Public Square; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in the Florence community of Rutherford County, Mr. Mullins opened his first business, a watch-repair service inside a barbershop, on March 1, 1938; and

WHEREAS, he married his beloved wife, Mildred, now dearly departed, in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullins was soon afterward called to duty for his country; during World War II, he worked in Aircraft Instrument Repair, first at Sky Harbor in Florence and later at Sewart Air Base in Smyrna; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife opened Mullins Jewelers in 1946, and they moved to their present location on the Murfreesboro Public Square in 1954; and

WHEREAS, the business expanded in 1975, as did the Mullins family: Mr. Mullins' three children, Charles, Thurman, and Jim, and numerous grandchildren have grown up in the store; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullins sold his store to his son, Charles, in 2001; Charles and his children, Jeff, Tim, and Kathy, and his granddaughter, Amanda, now operate the family business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the jewelry store, Mr. Mullins still finds time to lend his remarkable talents to such notable causes as the Murfreesboro Optimist Club; and

WHEREAS, Herschel is an active and devout member of the Florence Church of Christ, which he serves faithfully as an Elder; and

WHEREAS, he epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Mullins for his dedication and hard work as a merchant on the Murfreesboro Public Square; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. J. Herschel Mullins for his many years of service as a business owner on the Murfreesboro Public Square and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.